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## **Executive Gardner Urges Residents and Businesses to Be Prepared for Springtime Rains & Potential Flooding**

FREDERICK, MD – With the change in seasons, Frederick County Executive Jan Gardner encourages residents and businesses to be prepared for potential springtime severe weather and significant rains. A [National Weather Service](#) flood watch is in effect through this evening, with rainfall amounts around 1-3 inches. While this event is not expected to have a severe impact, it is important to remain aware that things can change quickly in the spring.

For tips regarding activity before, during and after flooding, visit [www.weather.gov/safety/flood](http://www.weather.gov/safety/flood).

As with any emergency planning, citizens and businesses should have a kit, a plan and know where to find local information.

1. **Make a kit**: Include a three-day supply of water for each individual in a household and ready-to-eat non-perishable foods. Don't forget a manual can opener, battery-powered radio, flashlight and extra batteries. The kit should also have a first aid kit, prescription and non-prescription medications and copies of important documents.
2. **Make a plan**: Identify two meeting places -- one near home and one outside the area in case it's not possible to return home. Make plans for seniors, persons with disabilities and pets. Select an out-of-area emergency contact person.
3. **Businesses** should be prepared for flooding, water damage and power outages. They should check insurance policies for proper flood coverage. Sand bags can be used to block rising water.
4. **Be informed**: Emergency messages are broadcast on WFMD 930 AM, WFRE 99.9 FM, WAFY 103.1 FM, Frederick County Government cable channel 19 and 1085, Frederick County Public Schools cable channel 18, municipal government cable channel 99 (in The City of Frederick and where available) and WDMV TV.

Register to receive emergency information from county and municipal officials via the ALERT notification system at [www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/ALERT](http://www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/ALERT). The Department of Emergency Preparedness can be contacted at 301-600-1746 or [EM@FrederickCountyMD.gov](mailto:EM@FrederickCountyMD.gov).

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